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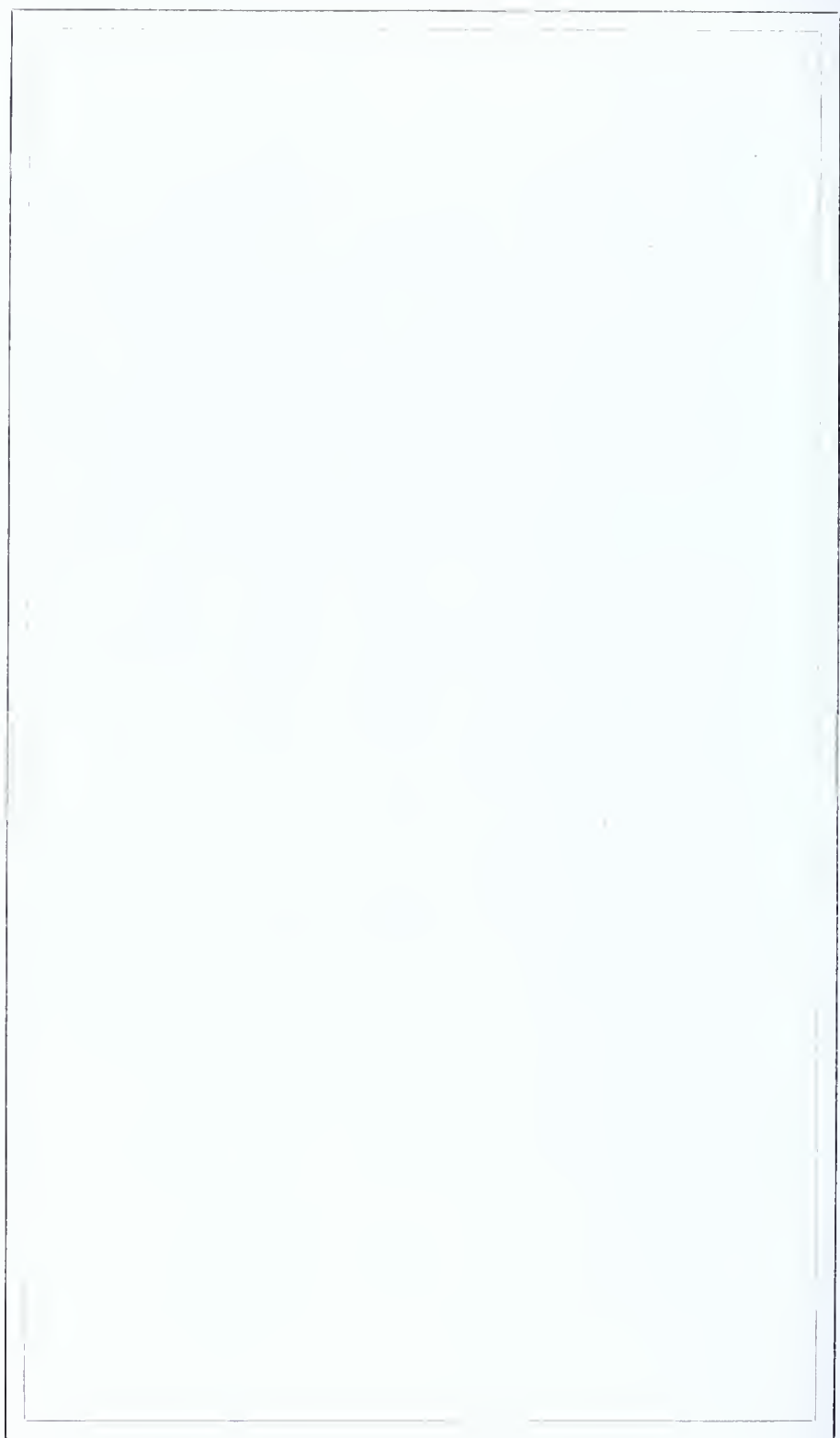
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John M. Sharpless,	Isaac Worrall,	Amos Bonsall.

### Committee on Admission and Discharge.

Dr. Geo. Martin,	Jno. M. Sharpless,	J. R. Whitney.
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Mrs. Dr. J. Price,	Mrs. Samuel A. Crozer,
Mrs. Jacob Weaver,	Mrs. Geo. M. Stroud.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to the Contributors to the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children:—*

The past year, under the Divine blessing, has been one of prosperity to our Institution.

The number of inmates has steadily increased until it may properly be said, our house is full.

The Institution has become fairly self-supporting.

An inspection of the family as now constituted, clearly shows that it is time to make a wider distribution of its members.

Many are growing into adult life, who remain children in mind, needing kindness, forbearance and shelter.

The last Legislature so amended our Charter, as to amplify in its exact language, what had always been nominally understood, namely,—that feeble-minded persons of any age or condition, are proper subjects for our care and training. But this definition of our duty will not make us regardless of a wise classification of our present family in our existing buildings; hence no admission of persons advanced beyond the school age will be allowed, until separate accommodations are provided for them, importunate as are many applications to do so.

Our need for extension is not too urgently pressed by our Superintendent, and the Board would emphasize this portion of his report herewith transmitted, by saying that the necessity is immediate and imperative.

After a close inquiry into this subject, a Committee, appointed for the purpose, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors:—

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Committee, it is expedient to erect independent accommodations for adult imbeciles.

*Resolved*, That a fund, to be termed the ASYLUM FUND, shall be opened on the books of the Treasurer, and that all donations for this purpose, shall be credited to such fund, and placed at interest.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the Board of Directors to take such action as is necessary in the premises, for the accomplishment of the above object.

The ASYLUM FUND at this writing, exists but in name upon our books; it is ardently hoped that this publication, and the interest of several friends who are in earnest in this matter, will induce such subscriptions as to warrant us in breaking ground with the opening spring.

The FREE FUND referred to in our last report as having been established for the entire or partial maintenance of feeble-minded persons whose support is not otherwise provided for, has received contributions amounting to \$4250.00. The income is already working out the benignant purpose of its foundation, in the partial support of two deserving cases.

It is with gratitude to the Dispenser of all Mercies, that we close this record of a year in the history of our good work; its future can only be rightly developed in an entire dependence on Him, while laboring in His name, for these, Christ's little ones.

On behalf of the Board,

A. L. ELWYN, *President*.



# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania Training School  
for Feeble-minded Children—*

GENTLEMEN :—

I respectfully submit the following Summary of Statistics, for the year 1872.

Number of inmates	December 31, 1871,	-	-	185
"	"	admitted during 1872,	40	
"	"	re-admitted "	7	
"	"	removed "	35	

On roll December 31, 1872, - - - 197

Of whom are males, - - - 111

" " females, - - - 86

Of those removed in 1872—

Deceased,	-	1 Male,	2 Females,	-	-	3
Discharged Improved,	17	"	10	"	-	27
" not	"	5	"	-	-	5

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Of those discharged improved,

there are in remunerative

employment, - - 4 Males and 3 Females, 7

Our 197 inmates are from States, as follows: Massachusetts, 1; New York, 2; New Jersey, 32; Pennsylvania, 144; Delaware, 4; Maryland, 7; Alabama, 3; Missouri, 1; Illinois, 1; Oregon, 1; West Virginia, 1; Virginia, 2; Texas, 1.

They are supported as follows :—

By State Fund of Pennsylvania,	-	-	-	-	78
" " Pennsylvania and Parents,	-	-	-	10	
" " Pennsylvania and Soldiers' Or-	-	-	-	-	
phan Fund,	-	-	-	-	5
" State Fund of New Jersey,	-	-	-	-	27
" " New Jersey and Parents,	-	-	-	1	
" " Delaware,	-	-	-	-	3
" City Fund of Philadelphia,	-	-	-	-	12
" Free Fund,	-	-	-	-	1
" Parents or Guardians,	-	-	-	-	52
" Institution,	-	-	-	-	8

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The following legislative districts of Pennsylvania, are now entitled to admission of feeble-minded children susceptible of school-training, and on the conditions stated on page 15, as follows: Adams, 1; Bradford and Sullivan, 1; Cumberland, 1; Carbon and Monroe, 1; Centre, 1; Clearfield, Forest and Elk, 1; Greene, 1; Huntingdon, Mifflin, and Juniata, 1; Indiana and Westmoreland, 2; Lancaster, 2; Lehigh, 1; Lycoming, Union, and Snyder, 3; Mercer, Lawrence, and Butler, 2; York, 1; Susquehanna and Wyoming, 2; Tioga and Potter, 2; Venango and Warren, 1; Washington and Beaver, 2; Wayne and Pike, 1; Northampton, 1; Perry and Franklin, 1; Schuylkill, 1.

Our present family will be found at 10 A. M., distributed as follows:—

In Schools,	35 Boys,	35 Girls,	70
In Kindergarten,	19 “	10 “	29
In Training Classes,	8 “	7 “	15
Industriously Employed in Shops, at Farm or other labor,		22 Boys.	
At domestic duties,		17 Girls.	
		—	39
In Asylum and Nursery,	27 Boys,	17 Girls.	44
Total,			197

Presenting our children in another form of Statistics showing their present mental acquirements and standing, we have the following :

39 are taught to read well and understandingly, of whom 27 write fair copies and compose in whole, or partially, letters to their friends.

46 are taught to read only simple sentences of monosyllabic words, their acquirements in other branches corresponding.

50 are placed in school classes for the regulation of habits or development of speech, and make no other school acquisition worth naming.

18 are found to be incapable of deriving any advantage from schools, but having some aptitude for farm, mechanical or domestic employment, are so engaged, with great advantage to themselves, and some profit to the Institution.

44 are in no sense "pupils" as popularly understood by that term. They are merely susceptible of habit-training, and only a few can be taught or employed at any kind of work: they form the group of "Asylum cases" to which the sympathies of all Institutions, broader than the limitations of their charters, have yielded, and are admitted because no other home or provision is made for them.

This proportion of educable and non-educable inmates, will probably be found in all public Institutions devoted to the feeble-minded, rigorous as may have been the original purpose to establish alone the educational idea.

### THE ASYLUM OR HOME.

What now is of pressing importance, is more space. The house is full; the sleeping rooms are closely bedded, and we cannot prudently with health, allow another bedstead to be put up; therefore to grant an admission we must await a removal.

Any alteration of the plan of our building, by which more dormitory space could be secured, would be followed by over-crowding of our already cramped dining halls and day-rooms, so that the only alternative seems to be, additional accommodation, either by the extension of this, or the erection of an independent house.

I would respectfully urge that the class for whom immediate provision shall be made, are those of the family who are growing into adult life, who by reason of their infirmity, are not competent to go into the world: the building erected should be so planned and located, that its management will be on the most economical scale compatible with thoroughness, so that the cost of supporting an individual will come within the means of families of even slender circumstances.

It is now obvious that a large per centage of children admitted to institutions of this character, become their permanent wards: ten or fifteen out of every hundred

may go back into the community to engage in domestic or mechanical occupations and are satisfactorily accounted for; twice that number are received again into their own families, and are generally willingly and easily cared for; but it is true that more than half the whole number taken into the Institution have either no homes or friends to fall back upon, being orphaned—sometimes abandoned—or are obliged to “move on” to the Alms House or Insane Asylum, unless retained here. Children are admitted on our State Fund for five or seven years. Within that period the changes of a generation in ordinary homes, takes place in their families so often unsettled or short-lived. Death has taken either one or both parents. Marriage or change of settlement has scattered sisters and brothers; the feeble-minded child of twelve years when placed in the Institution, though grown in strength and stature, has not increased in comeliness that he is desired, nor in judgment that gives him manhood’s rights at manhood’s estate: he still needs guardianship, and there are none of his family left who are able to give it; strangers are not so inclined. His case is very pitiful. He is still the innocent; the solitary one in the great crowd, with a half timid realization that he differs from other men. He is attached to those who have befriended him, and clings to or longs for the companionships of the Institution. Perhaps he has learned to do something—can chairs—make mattresses—milk cows—wheel barrows—dig earth. But in the world his poor stock of ability cannot enter competition, where hands are so many that the entire man is not always a successful bread-winner. Work is now-a-days too fast to wait for his sluggish movement, and though very faithful and painstaking, and bearing much imposition, he is soon crowded under. I represent thus, sixteen or eighteen lads, now beneath this roof, whose future is very dark to them, the hour you turn them from these doors; and there are sixteen others with us, more helpless even, for whom no

homes open when deprived of this ; and yet again, thirty more outside, whose sad stories have come to us within this year only, asking for the shelter and light which an Asylum home can furnish.

If a plain substantial building accommodating fifty or sixty persons as herein described, is given to this purpose, it will be filled within one year after its erection, and its annual expenses be easily met by those who would enjoy its benefits, while the dormitories of our present building would be vacated for the occupancy of cases suited to our school training.

This Institution is now merely self-sustaining. It has no endowment fund, and no monies at interest on which to commence extension. Its work is very silent and mostly dispensed to those who can return neither money nor influence to aid us in this effort. Bequests have been rarely made. No building fund exists.

The needed building can only be erected through the continued charity of those whose minds and hearts have been opened to the appeal of imbecile children, aided by an appropriation from the State Legislature. The latter can be frankly and honorably asked, to supplement the free-will offerings of citizens.

The cost of such a structure accommodating from fifty to sixty beds, need not, and should not exceed thirty thousand dollars.

A number of old and new friends of our good work will read the above expression of our present wishes. Who of the many will help us, whether much or little? If each would do something, the new house would rise as silently and surely as that temple of old ; when not the sound of a hammer was heard, and every brick would be a memorial of that charity which blesses the giver in his noble giving.

The past year was one of epidemic and death throughout the nation. Small Pox visited us in a mild form, and one

of our oldest children died from it. The necessity for hospital accommodation at such times is painfully manifest ; by a praiseworthy sacrifice of personal comfort, the fourth story of our center building was vacated by our Teachers, and isolation secured for the sick, under the most favorable circumstances for their best care and recovery. One of our most experienced attendants, Mrs. Sarah Burns, kindly withdrew from the family during the prevalence of the Epidemic, and patiently and efficiently cared for those who were stricken with it.

During the year a number of improvements have been made.

The boilers for warming the main buildings have been removed from the laundry and placed beneath the south wing. A large radiating surface has thus been added to our means of heating, which was before lost. An underground passage has been excavated and arched between the boilers and the coal vaults of the laundry, furnishing transit for coal and ashes, and quick communication between the house boilers and the new power boiler introduced last summer, and located at the laundry. The total cost of this improvement, by which it is believed a large annual saving of coal will be made, and the buildings be more perfectly warmed, is \$5029.93.

The scarcity of water during the past two years, seemed to justify an expenditure of \$1000 on our water-works. A Philadelphia Steam Pump of 3,000 Gallons capacity per hour, has been erected, and a large pool for collecting the springs of pure water made, which directly feed the pump.

The Farm and Garden are in better condition of yield than at any previous time. Notwithstanding the dry weather of the last season, our tables were abundantly provided with fresh vegetables daily during the summer, and a supply of root-crops harvested nearly equal to our winter consumption.

Appended to this brief report will be found the usual acknowledgments, forms of obligations, &c., and especially a circular on admission of patients and pupils.

With sincere thanks to you as members of the Board, for your kindly aid and forbearance during the past year, and with the same expression to the family of co-workers at the Institution,

I am respectfully yours,

ISAAC N. KERLIN.

*Institution, Jan. 6th, 1873.*



DR. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Treasurer, in Account with Pennsylvania Training School. CR.

1872.		1872.	
Jan. 1, To Cash in Bank,	21 80	Dec. 31, By Cash paid Orders for Incidentals,	\$ 325 00
" " from New Jersey State Pupils,	67 85 00	" " " Salaries and Wages,	13678 80
" " " Delaware State Pupils,	400 00	" " " House Expenses,	31541 17
" " " Soldiers' Orphans,	585 38	" " " Heating Arrang't,	5029 93
" " " Private Pupils,	19814 86	" " " Delaware Co. Fund,	96 00
" " " Pennsylvania State Pupils,	19328 79	" " " Interest,	25 32
" " " City of Philadelphia Pupils,	3400 00	" " " Free Fund Invest-	2250 00
" " " Donations & Life Subscriptions,	80 00	" " " ment,	500 00
" " " Income Account,	214 00	" " " Delaware Co. Funds,	259 11
" " " Delaware County Fund,	96 00	" " " By Balance in Bank,	
" " " Sarah Marshall, for Free Fund,	500 00		
" " " Mary Marshall, do	500 00		
" " " Mrs. Harriet W. Marshall, do	200 00		
" " " Mrs. Caroline Pennock, do	1000 00		
" " " A Lady Friend, do	50 00		
" " " Mrs. Caroline Pennock, for the	500 00		
" " " Delaware County Fund,	500 00		
	<u>\$53705 33</u>		<u>\$53705 33</u>
1873.			
Jan. 1, To Balance in Bank,	259 11		

Errors and omissions excepted,  
JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Treasurer,

The Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of "The Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children," to audit the account of Joseph K. Wheeler, Esq., Treasurer, for 1872, hereby certify that they have examined the same, vouchers, and charges of payments, and find the same correct. Balance in the Central National Bank, Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Dollars and Eleven Cents.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4, 1873.

There has also been donated to the Free Fund, by Dr. Joshua W. Ash, a Seven Per Cent. Bearing Bond of One Thousand Dollars.

MAHLON H. DICKINSON,  
MARGREGOR J. MITCHESON, } Auditors.



## ADMISSION OF PATIENTS AND PUPILS.

The Pennsylvania Training School is located in a healthy, elevated region, in Delaware County, one mile from Media, and twelve miles from Philadelphia; on the Philadelphia and West Chester Railroad, accessible by eight trains daily from 31st and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. *The nearest station is GREENWOOD, a short distance from the buildings.* The Phila. and Baltimore Central Rail Road, via Port Deposit, will accommodate persons visiting from the South.

Its object is to furnish through the school room, calisthenium, work-shop, domestic service, and light out-door labor, special means for the mental, moral and physical improvement of youth who are so deficient in mind, or have such marked eccentricities of intellect, or such perversion of habits, as to deprive them of the benefits of other educational institutions and ordinary methods of instruction.

In the absence of any suitable public provision for asylum cases of idiocy, epilepsy, and deformity with mental enfeeblement, we are compelled to receive a few, with the understanding that they are hardly admissible applicants; and that until other provision is made, their number shall not so increase in our present commodious building, as to conflict seriously with the proper classification of our household, or the interests of our school children.

*Age.*—The period of greatest school improvement is generally from twelve to eighteen; children may be admitted earlier than twelve years, with great advantage, especially if the home care is impossible, imperfect or pernicious.

A good home, and an intelligent, unencumbered mother, are the best conditions for the early advancement of a feeble-minded child; and to aid its home-training and prepare it to ultimate removal to the Institution, the parent is recommended to visit the school, and examine our modes of training and care.

*Clothing.*—This is to be supplied of good material, in ample quantity, by the parents or guardians of the child ; and when they fail to do so, or at their request, clothing will be furnished by the Institution at their expense. It is inconvenient to furnish bill of particulars for such voluntary service. The form of obligation will be seen on page 19.

#### METHOD OF OBTAINING ADMISSION.

Application should be made to the undersigned, who furnishes a "descriptive blank," which should be filled and returned with such special information by letter or description as the form of questions does not cover. We do not weary with details, *but desire and request them* ; especially those referring to habits, appearance, capacity for industry, acquired knowledge, and liability to disease. The reception depends on circumstances as hereafter mentioned.

There are at present seven lists on which children are admitted—*c. g. :*

#### I. STATE FUND OF PENNSYLVANIA,

appropriated for the support of one hundred children of the Commonwealth, for a period of not more than seven years, apportioned as nearly as possible among the Legislative districts, according to representation. It is our wish to take on this Fund *improvable cases only* ; or those whom we may reasonably hope to return to the community, at least self-helpful if not self-supporting.

We decline receiving low cases of idiocy from almshouses, and from homes so wretched, that after our work is performed, there is no security for its continuance and development when the child is necessarily returned. In all cases, written and satisfactory testimony that the applicant is poor, and a deserving recipient of the State's bounty, must be given by known residents of the county, or neighborhood.

It is admissible to divide one share of the State Fund

among two children, the parent of each being in only moderate circumstances, and wishing to do all in his power for the support of his child.

Decision on each application for State relief, is made after carefully considering it, under counsel and advice of a standing Committee, appointed by our Board of Directors.

#### II. STATE FUND OF NEW JERSEY,

appropriated for the support of fifteen poor children of that State, or for partial aid of such persons of only moderate circumstances, as are unable to pay full cost of maintenance.

The same steps are required as in the preceding instance, with the addition of a letter addressed to the Governor of New Jersey, accompanied by testimony from known citizens that the applicant is deserving; when, if satisfactory, a warrant to admit is issued by the Governor, and upon it the child is received at the Institution.

#### III. STATE FUND OF DELAWARE,

appropriated for the support of two children from each county of that State; the order for admission after the preliminaries as defined in the first instance, is granted by the District Judges.

#### IV. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FUND,

applied to cases received from the "Children's Home" of the Philadelphia Alms-house, or by special permit through the Committee appointed by the Board of Guardians of the City of Philadelphia.

#### V. SOLDIERS' ORPHANS OF PENNSYLVANIA

of feeble mind, are admitted by application to Hon. J. P. Wickersham, State Superintendent of Common Schools, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, after correspondence with the undersigned, and the "descriptive blank" is filled and returned.

## VI. FREE FUND,

devoted exclusively to the entire or partial maintenance in the Institution, of such feeble-minded persons as may be selected by the Superintendent and Committee on Admissions, and whose support is not otherwise provided for. A few children can now be admitted on the fund.

## VII. PRIVATE LIST.

Children may be received on this list from any place in or out of our State, on payment, quarterly in advance, of such sums as may be agreed upon, the rates being determined by the amount of care the case requires, the extra accommodations given, and the ability of parents or guardians to pay. A form of obligation will be seen on page 19.

## VISITS.

There is no objection to parents visiting the Institution, subject to the following rules :

1.—The frequency of the visits to be advised by the Superintendent. To some children it does good, to others harm.

2.—No sweet-meats, fruits, or money, to be given to the children. Deposit such with Matron.

3.—They are not to be taken home, except by permission of Superintendent. As a rule, once a year is quite often enough.

4.—Limited accommodations, and a family occupied with duties, make long visits from parents or friends objectionable.

We are glad to see our friends, except on Saturday and the Sabbath. The Superintendent is usually absent on Tuesday.

Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for general visiting. The house is at all times open, to persons specially interested.

Communications addressed to

ISAAC N. KERLIN, M. D.,  
*Media, Pa.*

## OBLIGATION.

TO BE SIGNED BY A RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF APPLICANT, AND A SURETY, WHO MUST BE AN APPROVED RESIDENT OF PHILADELPHIA OR ITS VICINITY, WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE.

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ being admitted into "*The Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children*," we do jointly and severally promise to pay to the Superintendent of said Institution, or to his order, quarterly in advance, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, \_\_\_\_\_ cents, for the maintenance of said child, and to provide, or pay for, such clothing, and other things, as may be deemed necessary or proper for health and comfort; to remove \_\_\_\_\_ when discharged, free of cost to the Institution; and if taken away against the advice or consent of the Superintendent, before the expiration of the quarter, any money that may have been paid is not to be refunded.

Witness our hands, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18

.....[SEAL.]

.....[SEAL.]

## OBLIGATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF CLOTHING.

\_\_\_\_\_ having been admitted on the beneficiary list of "*The Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children*," I do hereby agree to provide such clothing, &c., as may be required for the comfort and advantage of said \_\_\_\_\_, and to pay all bills for clothing, &c., which may be furnished by the Superintendent, and to remove \_\_\_\_\_ when requested to do so, without cost to the Institution.

## FORM OF BEQUEST OR DEVISE.

## OF PERSONAL PROPERTY,

I do give and bequeath to "*The Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children*," the sum of dollars.

## OF REAL ESTATE,

I do give and devise unto "*The Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children*," their successors and assigns forever, all that certain, (describe the estate,) with the appurtenances.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We gratefully acknowledge the following voluntary contributions from old and new friends of our good work :

Young Folks. Lucy Larcom, Mass.  
 Evening Bulletin. Gibson Peacock, Phila.  
 Peterson's Magazine. H. Edwards, Phil'a.  
 Old and New. Rev. E. E. Hale, Boston.  
 Temperance Vindicator. Col. McFarland, Harrisburg.  
 Delaware County Democrat. Col. Talley, Chester.  
 Aldine. Miss Matheson, Canada.  
 20 Books for Children's Library. Miss Moody.  
 30 Sunday School Papers. American Sunday School Union, Phila.  
 Scrap Books and Colored Pictures. Mrs. C. Pennock, Howellville.  
 1 Doz. Stereopticon Views. Mrs. C. Pennock, Howellville.  
 Large Atlas of United States. Bernheimer & Kerlin, Phila.  
 1½ Doz. Hats. Thos. M. Seeds, Phila.  
 1 Cask Foreign Grapes. Jas. Searle, Pittston, Pa.  
 4 Barrels of Apples. Mrs. E. Blythe, Belvidere, N. J.  
 3 " " John French, Phila.  
 3 Doz. Butterfly Neck Ties. Mrs. Dungan, Bridesburg, Pa.  
 ½ Doz. Work Cases for girls. Mrs. Fairfield, Camden, N. J.  
 1½ Doz. Bisque and China Dolls. Mrs. J. S. Wright, New York.  
 Handsome Ornaments, Xmas Tree. Mrs. Wright, New York.  
 1 Meat and Chopping Block. Jno. P. Smith, Middleton.  
 10 Gold Fish. Alfred Beck, Institution.  
 6 Berkshire Pigs. Wm. H. Miller, Howellville, Pa.

SIGNOR BLITZ kindly entertained our household with his marvellous birds and feats of Magic, in February 1872.

The CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL for 1872 was generously remembered by numerous friends, whose contributions of Money, amounting to \$273.59, and over fifty boxes and barrels, containing cake, fruit, confectionery, and toys, diffused happiness and good cheer through all the "holidays." One hundred Dollars of the above contribution is placed to the credit of the Stereopticon, which has become a permanent means of pleasure and instruction to the whole house.





